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Wittstock Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 February 1952, [] 6 to 10 swept-back jet fighters in the eastern section of Wittstock airfield, 2 planes of the same type in an open hangar, and 9 swept-back jet fighters which were parked in front of the hangars. * More aircraft were probably parked in the open hangar. During night flying activity, the landing field was lighted by spotlights only during the take-offs and landings. The flying planes had set position lights. On 26 and 27 February, there was flying by jet fighters at the field, although there was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 300 meters. [] had not observed air activity in such unfavorable weather. The aircraft probably flew in the clouds since they were not seen. A board fence about 2 meters high extended 600 to 700 meters along the northern edge of the field and along its western border, leaving a gap in the extension of the runway. Poles were placed in holes along the northern field edge. Construction on the fence still continued. **

2. Between 27 February and 8 March, the following air activity was observed:

Date	Activity
27 February	Jet fighters and single-engine planes flew at a high altitude
1 March	Flying by jet fighters only
5 and 6 March	Flying by individual single-engine planes; for the first time in 1952, the detonations of heavy bombs were heard from the Rossow area
7 March	Intensive flying; individual bombs were dropped from twin-jet planes flying at a high altitude over the Rossow bombing range; night flights were made by individual conventional planes.
8 March	Bombing from twin-jet bombers over the Rossow area during the morning. ***

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] only nine MiG-15s at Wittstock airfield. [redacted] the fighter regiment at the field is now equipped with 32 jet aircraft including four type-29s.

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* [] Comment. Recently, air activity in rather bad weather has been observed occasionally at other fighter airfields. This fact indicates progress in the status of training of the new fighter regiments.

*** Comment. Bombing by bomber units of the Northern Bmr Div was observed in this area during the preceding year.

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